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APPLICATION NO.: 10/615,148 | CONFIRM. NO.: 8214  
FILING DATE: July 7, 2003 | ART UNIT: 2837  
TITLE OF INVENTION: | EXAMINER: E. SAN MARTIN  
Engine Exhaust Muffler with  
Guide Vanes Imparting a  
Successively Alternating Spiral  
Swirl Gas Flow

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Dear Sir:

- 1) This is a petition for an extension of **one (1) month** to be added to the original term of **three months** for responding to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005. Filing on February 21, 2006 is timely, because February 19, 2006 was a Sunday and February 20, 2006 was a Federal Holiday.
- 2) Applicant is a **Small Entity**. Fee Payment: **\$60.00**. Our Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) is enclosed to cover the extension fee. Any fee deficiency or additional fee may be charged to Deposit Account 50-0507.
- 3) A Request for Continued Examination and a Supplemental Response are being filed simultaneously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter WEINHOLD et al.  
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